

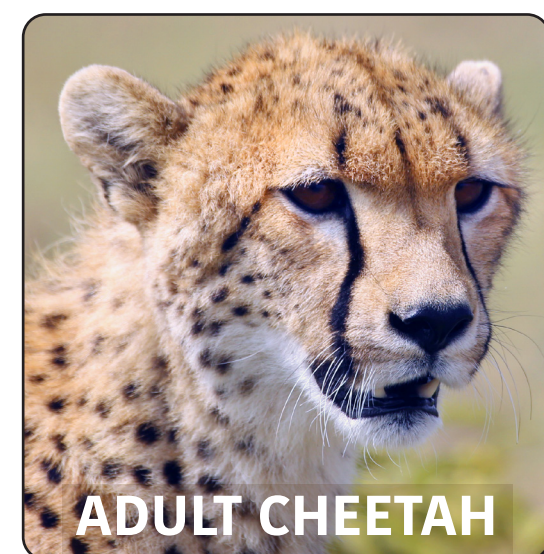


# WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A CHEETAH

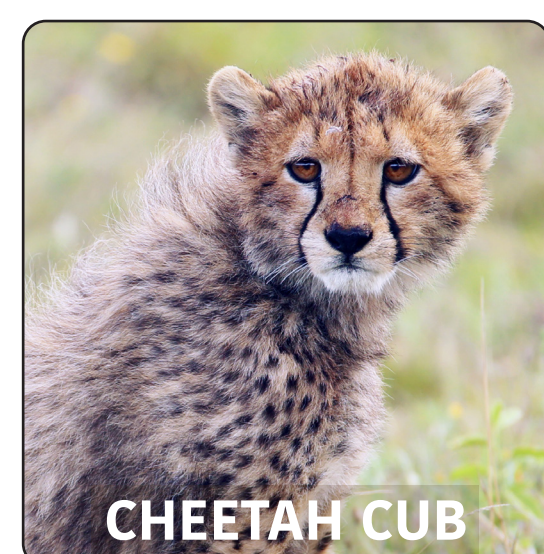
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## DID YOU FIND A CHEETAH OR CHEETAH SKIN?

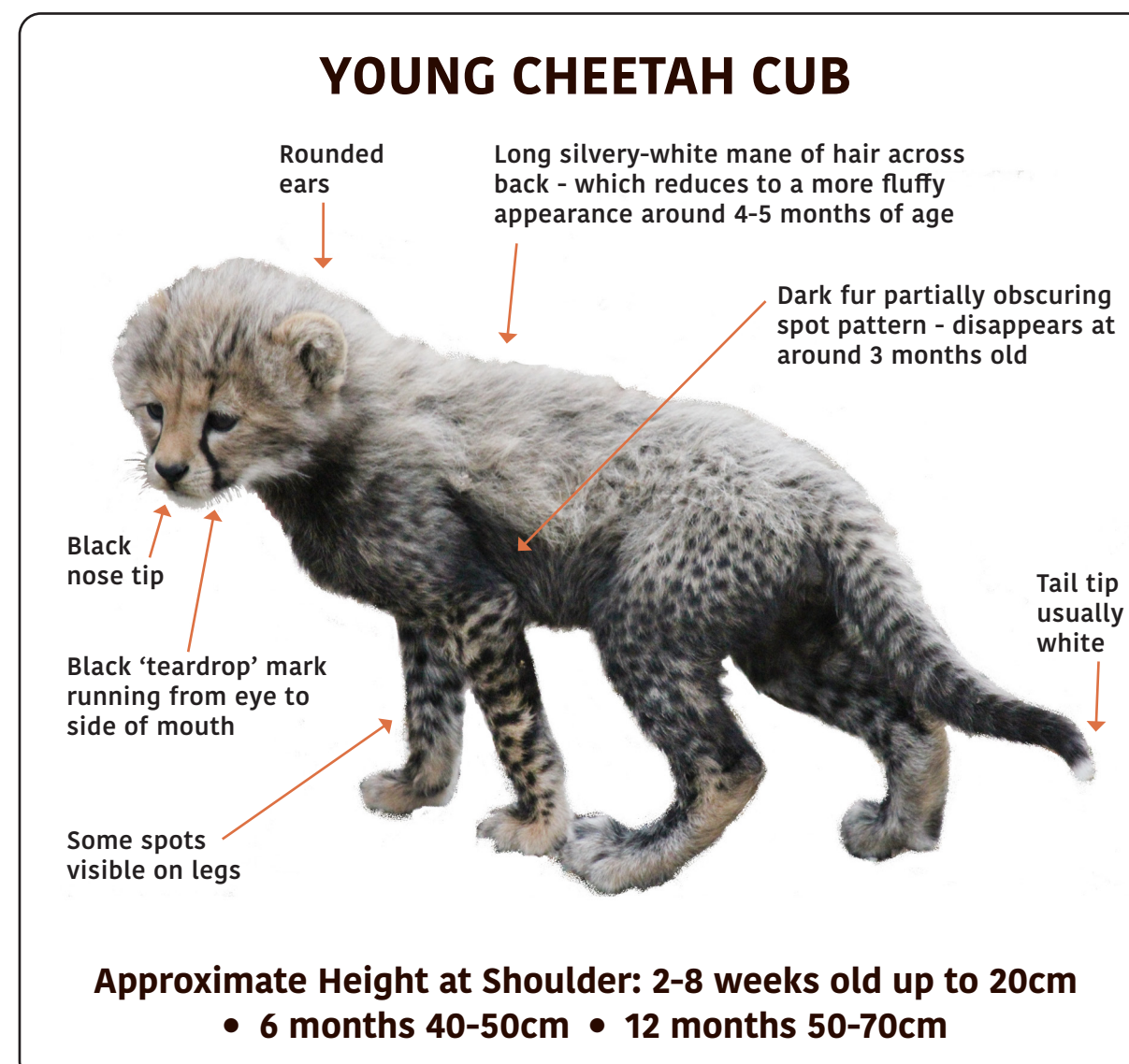
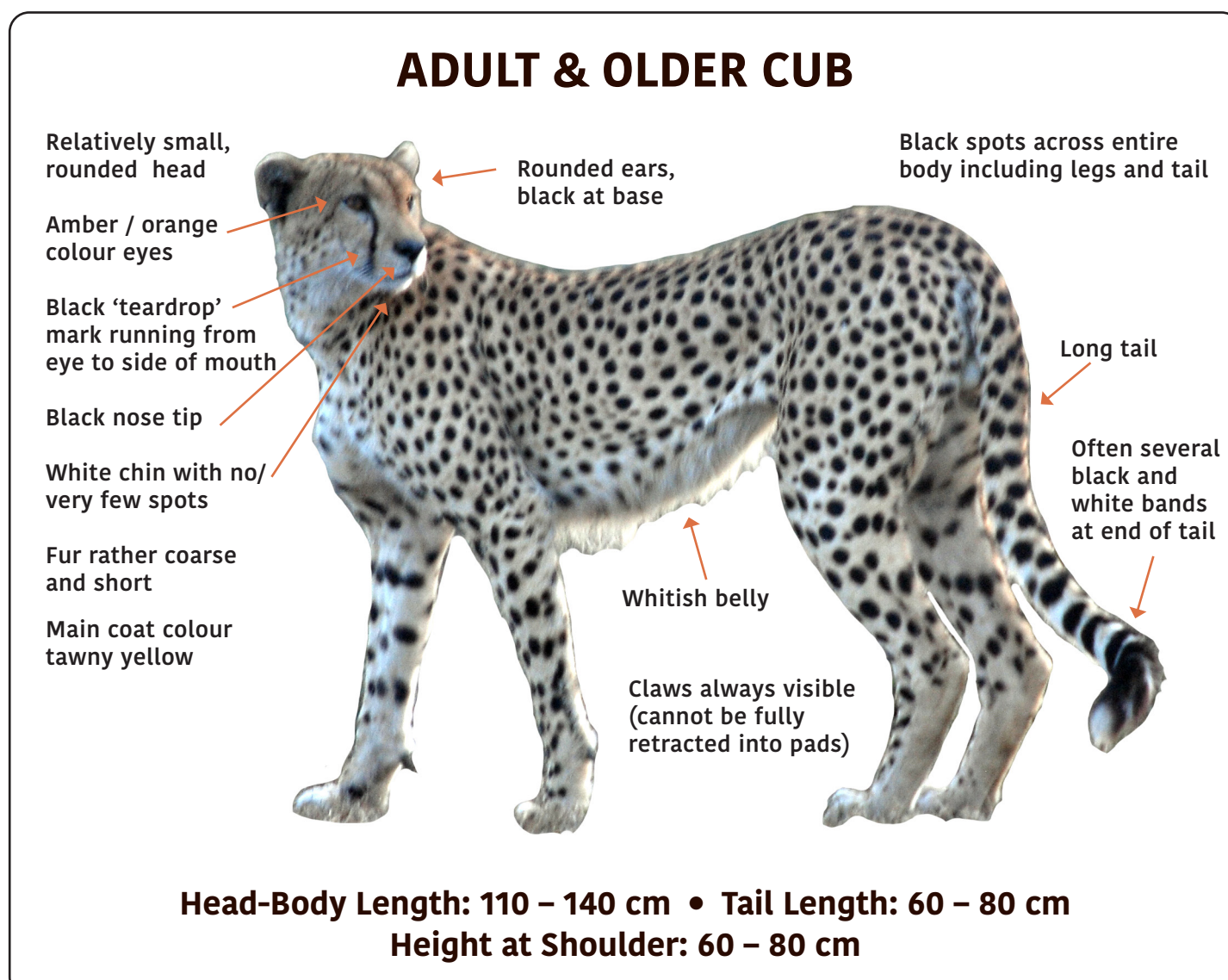
### Key distinguishing features



ADULT CHEETAH



CHEETAH CUB



REAL CHEETAH FUR

Backed by skin, each hair tapers to a thin end and shrivels and smells like human hair if burnt.



FAKE CHEETAH FUR

Often has webbed backing material, hairs are uniform width, melts and smells like plastic if burnt.

## IS THERE A LEGAL PERMIT?

### How to check the paperwork

- Any cheetah or cheetah specimen transported between countries **must have a valid CITES import, export or re-export permit or certificate** to be legal.
- National CITES Authorities can help verify CITES permits or certificates.** Contacts: <https://cites.org/eng/parties/country-profiles/national-authorities>

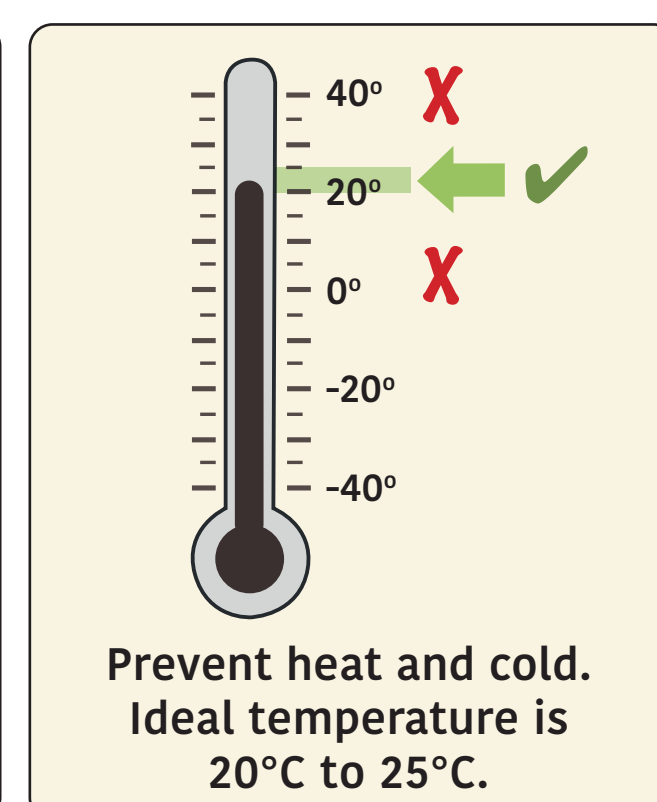
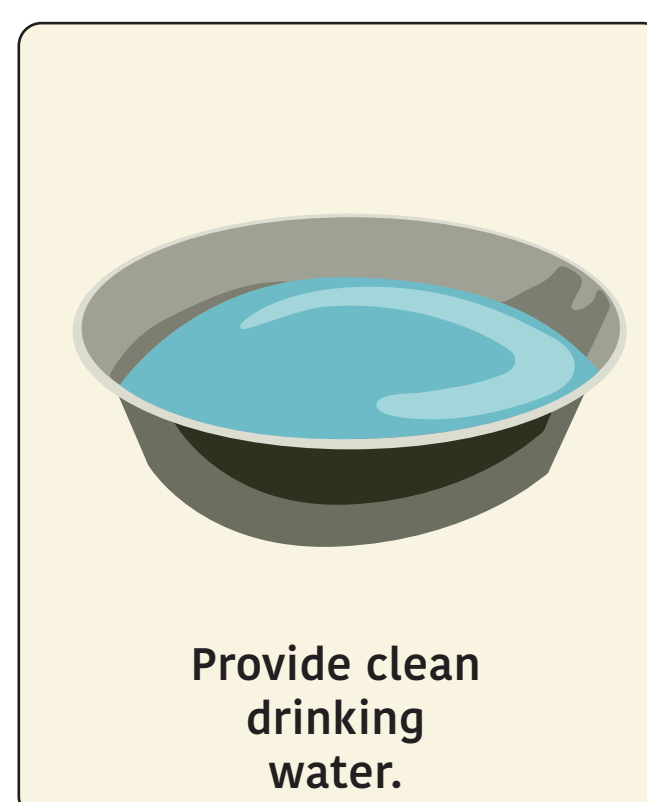
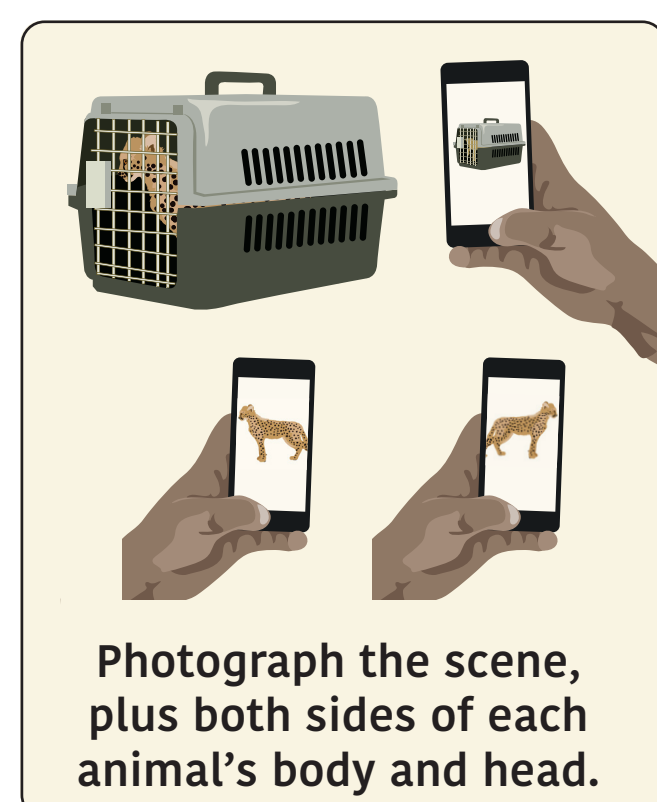


LEFT: Most live cheetah in the illegal trade are young cubs.  
CENTRE: A high proportion of trafficked cheetah die in transit.  
RIGHT: Illegally traded cheetah parts may include skins, teeth and claws.

## WHAT ARE THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRIORITIES?

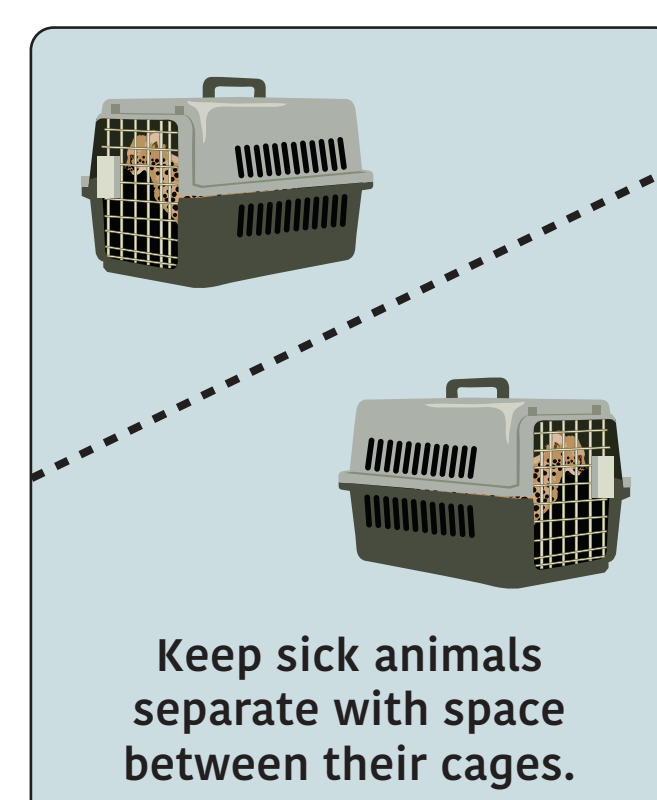
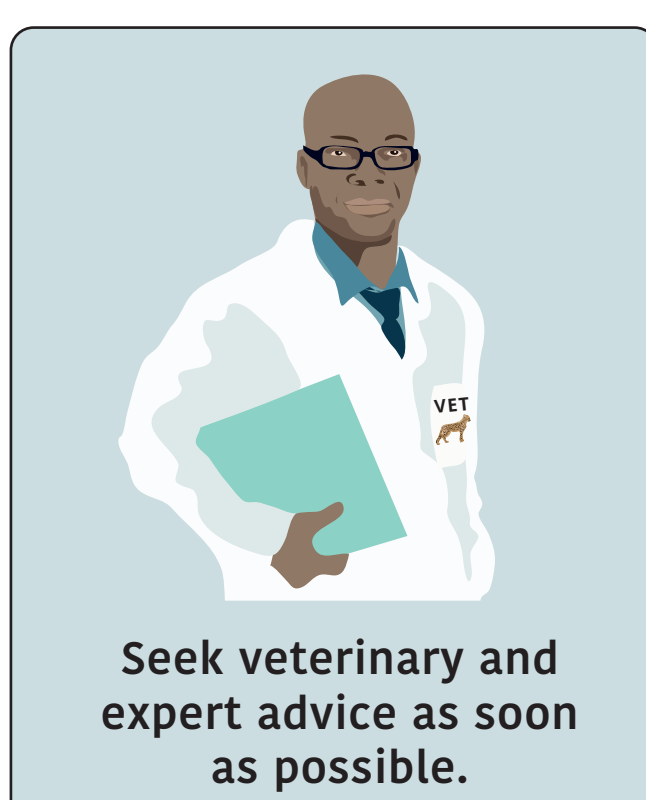
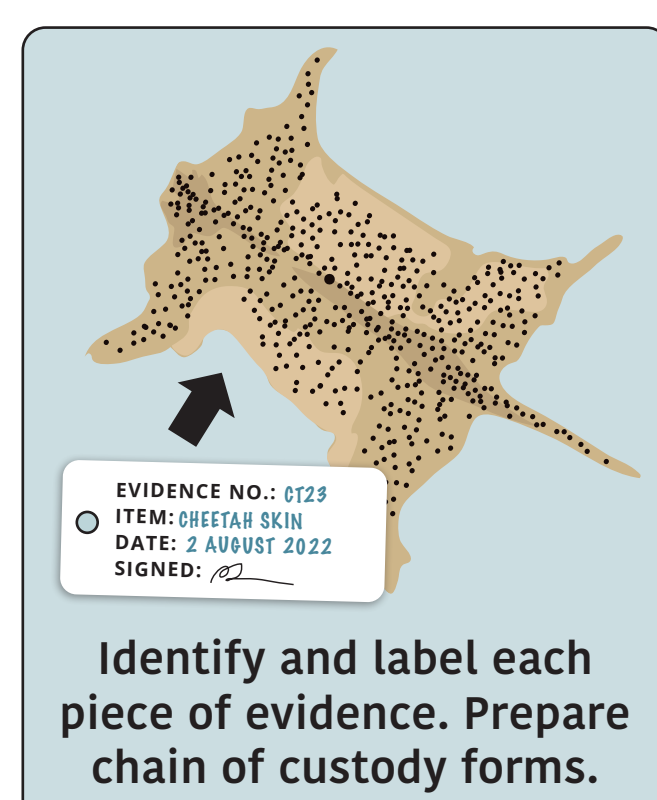
### Securing and photographing

- The time during and immediately after a seizure is crucial for animal(s) survival.** Cheetahs are often transported in badly made cages, baskets or boxes without food or water and a very high number die in transit. The following steps should be followed;



## NEXT STEPS

### Reporting, advice and health check



- If there is a need for **support in handling live cheetahs**, contact the National and / or Regional Cheetah Coordinator: see **Factsheet 7** of the CITES Cheetah Trade Resource Kit (CTRK) for information.
- After completing the above steps, **fill in an Ecomessage form** - downloadable from: <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/document/E-Res-11-03-R18.pdf> to send to the INTERPOL National Central Bureau.
- Report any seizures** to the National CITES Management Authority and relevant authority responsible for wildlife crime investigations using seizure forms from the CTRK. National CITES Authorities contacts can be found here: <https://www.cites.org/eng/cms/index.php/component/cp>

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement between governments that regulate international trade in CITES-listed animals and plants. Cheetah is listed on CITES Appendix I, so international trade in wild-caught cheetahs is banned (except for annual quotas for hunting trophies and live specimens given to Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe).